Opening of New Institute of Tourism and Travel Management in Andhra Pradesh

355. DR T. SUBBARAMI REDDY
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh had urged the Union Government to open new tourism and travel management institute in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have accepted the proposal of the State Government for setting up such Institute; and

(c) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c). The Government of Andhra Pradesh had sent a proposal to open a new Chapter of Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management in Hyderabad. In view of the constraint in resources, the proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been considered.

Deteriorated Communication in West Bengal

356. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether telecommunications in Murshidabad, Maldah, Uttar and Dakshin Dinajpur, Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling Districts of West Bengal is in deteriorated condition;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received and action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the improvement?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No Sir, the telecommunications services are satisfactory except a few interruptions in the system at Alipurduar in Jalpaiguri District and Harishchandrapur in Maldah District.

(b) Few complaints were received in the past about telephone services at Alipurduar and Harishchandrapur. The Exchange at Alipurduar has now been replaced by a new digital upgraded in a phased manner. As a consequence, the service at Alipurduar is now substantially improved. There was an interconnection problem between two units of the exchange at Harish-chandrapur which has been attended to.

(c) The following steps are being taken to further improve the service.

(i) Routine check of equipments.
(ii) Immediate rectification of faults.
(iii) Ensure sufficient stock of spares and stores.
(iv) Tight supervision by the officer incharge.

Regularisation of Services of Doctors

357. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY
SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR
PROF JITENDRA NATH DAS
SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH
DR ASIM BALA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether his Ministry engaged a large number of Homoedpathy, Ayurvedic and Unani Doctors as part time/temporarily at different important centres of Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government have issued an order for the regularisation of services of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic and Unani Doctors; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry so far for the regularisation of services of these doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Homeopathy and Ayurvedic Doctors on part time basis with fixed honorarium have been engaged by the Staff benefit Fund Committees on the Railways.

(b) A Statement is attached.

(c) and (d): Do not arise.

STATEMENT

Railway	Homoeopathic Doctors	Ayurvedic Doctors	Total
Central	15	2	17
Eastern	17	10	27
Northern	14	10	24
North Eastern	24	5	29
Northeast Frontier	8	2	10
Southern	8	3	11
South Central	3	4	7
South Eastern	14	Nil	14
Western	10	Nil	10

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Agreement with Foreign Countries

358. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed by the